GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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PURCHASE OF MEDICINES
JAI PRAKASH

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news-item `Dawaon ki sidhi kharid ki Swasthya Mantralaya ki yojana adhar me` published in the New Delhi edition of `Rashtriya Sahara` dated July 15, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported thereon;

(c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) On the recommendation of an Expert Committee, a combined formulary for Central Government Health Services and Medical Stores Organisation was published on 14.2.2002. The new formulary consists of 655 proprietary drugs and 507generic drugs.

The rates are being finalised for procurement of drugs in bulk. After the bulk procurement on the basis of the approved formulary becomes operational, dependence on local purchase will be reduced and considerable saving will be possible. In so far as the reference to kodryl in the newspaper report is concerned, the purchase and supply of Kodryl Syrup is under examination.